

HB 1626 -- SCHOOL BUS TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

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This bill authorizes a public school district to purchase, install, operate, and maintain cameras or video recording equipment on the exterior of school buses, or enter into a contract with a private vendor to purchase, install, operate, or maintain cameras or video equipment on the exterior of school buses on behalf of the public school district for the purpose of recording images of motor vehicles that are in violation of this subsection.

The bill specifies that the identity of a driver committing a traffic violation involving a school bus may be determined by a peace officer through the use of recorded images or video from a device mounted on the bus.

Any person charged with a violation of failing to stop for a school bus based solely upon evidence obtained from a camera or video recording equipment, may elect not to contest the charge and may, in lieu of appearance in court or other administrative penalty, submit the fine to the address provided on the notice of violation or citation if it is the person's first such violation and the violation did not result in an accident or injury of a child.

The proceeds from any fine imposed for a violation of this section that is based solely upon evidence obtained from a camera or video recording equipment shall be remitted to the public school district and a portion of the proceeds may be allocated by an agreement between the public school district and any law enforcement agency or operator of cameras or video recording equipment that assists with the issuance and administration of citations or the operation of these cameras or video recording equipment.